

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 9, 16, and 17 are amended, and claims 18-28 are canceled. As a result of this amendment, claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications at a later date.

Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates Examiner Le's courtesy in initiating and participating in a three-part interview with its patent counsel Eduardo Drake on May 7, 10, and 11, 2005. During the interview, the general background of the technology and operation of an exemplary embodiment were discussed. Additionally, claims 1, 9, 17, and 25 were discussed.

Specifically, the objection to claim 1 was discussed, and it was agreed that adding the term "target" to one line, as shown in this amendment, would cure the objection. It was further agreed that claims 1-17 as amended are allowable over the art of record, with claims 9 and 17 being amended to specify that the first and second scores were based on first and second classification methods. (Although not specifically discussed, applicant notes that this supplement amendment recasts claims 8 and 16 in independent form.) Lastly, applicant notes that claim 25, a proposed amended version, was discussed relative to the cited Wiltshire patent, and it was agreed that the proposed claim would be allowable over the art of record. However, the Examiner felt that an updated search was necessary; thus, no agreement to allow claim 25 or any of its dependents was reached.

Conclusion

In sum, it was agreed that claims 1-17 as amended herein are allowable. Accordingly, to secure an earlier allowance and issuance of claims 1-17, applicant cancels claims 18-28 without prejudice or disclaimer, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance pursuant to the interview and this amendment.

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